GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department - Diversion of 0.941 ha of forest land in Compartment No.132 of Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF for formation of new road from NH-16 to AIIMS site, in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur – Final approval - Accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.28 **Dated 18.07.2024**
Read the following:-

1)From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.No.2826/2017/ FCA-3, dated 15.05.2017.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.2098/Sec.II/2017, dated 08.06.2017.
3)From GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.No.4-APB038/2017-CHN/0951, dated 20.06.2017.
4)From PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15034/57/2019-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 12.08.2022.
5)State Govt.Lr.No.2098/Sec.II/2017, dated 02.09.2022.
6))From GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, F.No.No4-APB038/2017-CHN/376, dated 11.06.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter first read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, has submitted a proposal for onward submission to Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada to accord in-principle (Stage-I) approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.941 ha of forest land in Compartment No.132 of Mangalagiri Block, Tadepalli RF for formation of new road from NH-16 to AIIMS site, in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur.

2. In the letter 2nd read above, the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, was sent to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for in-principle approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

3. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded in-principle approval under section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the proposal, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions stipulated therein.

4. In the letter 4th read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has furnished compliance report on conditions stipulated in the stage-I approval accorded by the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada and requested to forward the same to GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for according final approval under Forest (C) Act, 1980. Accordingly, the same has been forwarded to GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord final approval for the proposal in the letter 5th cited.

5. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai, have conveyed the Central Government's final approval under section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of **0.941 ha** of forest land in Compartment No.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for formation of new road from NH-16 to AIIMS site, in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur", subject to certain conditions stipulated therein.

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6. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, "for diversion of **0.941 ha** of forest land in Compartment No.132 of Mangalagiri Block in Tadepalli RF for formation of new road from NH-16 to AIIMS site, in favour of Executive Engineer, (R&B) Division, Guntur", subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
ii. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
iii. State Forest Department shall raise and maintain two times the trees to be felled in the proposed forest land for diversion in nearby degraded forest land at the cost of the User Agency.
iv. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
v. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
vi. No additional / new path shall be made during execution of the project.
vii. The User Agency shall dig trenches on either side of the road in order to avoid any further encroachments on the road side.
viii. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if applicable to such road projects.
ix. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost.
x. Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that does not hamper natural course of water, does not give rise to water- logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals.
xi. Trees/Bushes standing in the diverted area shall be felled / cleared strictly as per requirement with prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.
xii. The User Agency shall arrange to raise avenue plantation all along the roadside at the project cost with maintenance of 7-10 years.
xiii. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO so as to stabilize the soil.
xiv. The State Forest Department shall translocate the trees, wherever feasible instead of felling at the cost of User Agency.
xv. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.941 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
xvi. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
xvii. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO, Guntur Division in 51 No 12(v) (a) & (b) of part II i.e 591.945 ha forest land and 68.382 ha of non-forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.
xviii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
xix. Any other conditions that the Central Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the User Agency.
xx. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.

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xxi. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G. ANANTHA RAMU
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
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The Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central),
GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office at Vijayawada of
Regional Office, Chennai, Green House Complex,
Gopal Reddy Road, Vijayawada – 520 010.

The Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Guntur – 522 003.
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